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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up 2.9 Percent in October

HARRISBURG, PA, Nov 18, 2010 - - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during October 2010 totaled 887 million pounds, up from last October's production of 862 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 541,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous month, but an increase of 2,000 from October 2009.

Production per cow averaged 1,640 pounds in October, 40 pounds more than September's production per cow and 40 pounds more than October 2009.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during October 2010 totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from October 2009. September revised production, at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from September 2009. The September revision represented a slight increase from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,767 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.37 million head, 52,000 head more than October 2009 and equal to the total from September 2010.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Oct 2009	Sept 2010	Oct 2010	Oct 2009	Sept 2010	Oct 2010
Milk Cows	Thous.	539	542	541	8,316	8,368	8,368
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,600	1,600	1,640	1,720	1,729	1,767
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	862	867	887	14,306	14,472	14,784

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